

dedication and excellence that make the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service one of the crown jewels of the federal government. Since he began forecasting weather for the Air Force in 1970, and over more than three decades with the National Weather Service, Max has helped push forward the science of forecasting to help make our nation a safer place. But just making better forecasts has never been enough for Max, because a forecast does no good if nobody hears it. Mr. Mayfield has also dedicated his career to making sure that his always-improving forecasts get out as quickly as possible to the people who need them. For example, he has worked tirelessly to make more educational opportunities available to emergency managers so that they have the tools they need to interpret and respond to hurricane and severe weather forecasts quickly and intelligently.

There is no doubt in my mind that Max Mayfield's exemplary efforts, and those of his hard-working staff at the National Hurricane Center's Tropical Prediction Center, have helped communities prepare for impending disasters and have saved lives in communities across the country and around the world.

I am not alone in my esteem for Mr. Mayfield. The American Meteorology Society, the National Association of Government Communicators, ABC Television, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the National Hurricane Conference, the Department of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and President George W. Bush have all presented Max with formal awards for his outstanding achievements and service to his craft and to society. And those are just the formal awards—they do not include the many personal “thank-you’s” that he has received from the very people he has spent his life serving, and from the people whose lives he has helped save.

So I am pleased to express my deepest gratitude to Max Mayfield, and to his endlessly supportive family for sharing him with us for this time. God bless you and the work you have done; I wish you calm weather and smooth sailing in your retirement.

MAX MAYFIELD RETIREMENT

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant, Mr. Britt “Max” Mayfield, Director of the National Weather Service's National Hurricane Center. Since 2000, Mr. Mayfield has been the face and voice Americans trust for information about hurricane forecasts and warnings. He led the National Hurricane Center tirelessly during a time of many intense hurricanes hitting our highly populated coasts, including the record-breaking 2005 hurricane season that saw 28 named tropical storms.

For each tropical storm or hurricane, Mr. Mayfield and the staff of the National Hurricane Center work around the clock gathering information about the storms and constantly improving the projection of the storm's track. As a storm nears the U.S. coast, they often spend days at a time at the National Hurricane

Center making sure that the public continues to receive vital forecast and warning information, even as their own families and properties may be in the storm's path.

Mr. Mayfield has served our Nation for 34 years, beginning in 1970 as a meteorologist for the Air Force before joining the National Weather Service in 1972. He is internationally recognized for his expertise in forecasting hurricanes. But, Mr. Mayfield also goes above and beyond his responsibility as a hurricane scientist. He dedicates much of his time to educating communities about the risks of hurricanes and making sure that the public understands the information in hurricane forecasts and what they need to do to protect themselves from these dangerous storms. Both his forecasting efforts and community service have been recognized with awards from many prestigious organizations.

I thank Mr. Mayfield for his more than three decades of service to this country and for the countless lives his hurricanes forecasts and warnings have saved. I also thank his family for the sacrifices they made to support him in this demanding job and wish him a long and relaxing retirement.

One final note. My wife, Marianne, contends that Max Mayfield is her favorite federal employee—and that, alas, probably includes me.

HONORING DR. EDWARD S. BENTLEY

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a celebrated colleague of mine in the health profession. Dr. Edward S. Bentley has been selected as the 2006 Physician of the Year by the Santa Barbara County Medical Society. His countless accomplishments truly warrant him the prestige associated with this award.

Dr. Bentley began his medical career at the University of Nevada and the University of Oklahoma Medical School. He then moved to California, where he worked for the University of Southern California Medical Center, serving as Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine and Chief Resident.

In 1986, Dr. Bentley established a private practice in Santa Barbara, specializing in gastroenterology. Over the past 20 years, he has proven to be a tremendous asset to our community. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society from 1999–2005 and was president of the organization in 2004. Additionally, Dr. Bentley served as Vice President of the Santa Barbara Select I.P.A., member of the Santa Barbara Consortium on Continuing Medical Education, and delegate for the California Medical Association. He is also a member of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease, among numerous other organizations. In addition, Dr. Bentley holds numerous affiliations with many hospitals across Southern California.

Mr. Speaker, clearly I could stand up here all day and list Dr. Bentley's impressive

achievements. He is a truly extraordinary doctor, citizen and esteemed member of the medical community. I am proud to serve as both his representative and colleague in health care. I would like to extend to him my most heartfelt congratulations and sincere wishes for continued success in both his personal and professional endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DARA MARCOZZI AND MARYELLEN “MIMI” YURKOW

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two courageous New Jersey residents and cancer survivors, who have transformed their personal pain into an opportunity to bring hope to others. Dara Marcozzi and Maryellen Yurkow are inspirations to their communities, and it is my privilege to honor them today.

Dara Marcozzi and Maryellen “Mimi” Yurkow, both ovarian cancer survivors, have worked tirelessly to promote ovarian cancer awareness. They co-founded Teal Magnolias, the south Jersey chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, to raise funds for ovarian cancer research and to bring together others suffering from the terrible disease—the fifth leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States.

Dara and Mimi are inspirations to us all, and their stories remind us that while we might face difficulties in our own lives, we have the power to overcome. These two remarkable survivors not only overcame their own challenges but now support others in their times of need. Their tireless efforts make our community, and our Nation, a better place.

TRIBUTE TO SOUTHEAST POLK HIGH SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. BOSWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Southeast Polk High School's football team, which made a run for the Class 4–A Iowa State Football Championship. With an 11–2 record for the season, this football team placed second in the State championship. This was the first time the Rams had ever advanced to the State championship. All of central Iowa is very proud of the team's achievement.

In addition to this achievement, four young men on the team received the First Team All State Honors while the head coach, Denny Muller, was named Coach of the Year in the Central Conference.

As Vince Lombardi once said about teamwork: “The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.” This great season was undoubtedly the result of tireless dedication by the coaches and the players.

Congratulations go to each member of the team, the coaches, the managers and the cheerleaders for an outstanding football season:

Players: Zach Ballard, Ethan Bass, Drew Behrens, Josh Bell, Jacob Bergeson, Kenny Berry, Jon Bianchi, Travis Bos, Jake Boston, Drew Bower, Taylor Bowie, Sam Bricker, Tony Burrows, Ben Burzacott, Seth Churchill, Adam Davis, Tanner Farley, Andy Fisher, Chris Foster, Avery Gaston, Dustin Hickman, Mike Hoburg, Andrew Host, Brett Hughes, Kody Ingle, Brian Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Andrew Khounchanh, Ty Knowler, Brad Lamberti.

Brian Lathrop, Kevin Leffler, Scott Lusk, Jordan Mallicoat, C.J. Massey, Kyle McClain, Nick McGinn, Ryan Medina, Mike Medina, Chris Medina, Seth Negrete, Andrew Rojas, Stephen Saunders, Cody Shepherd, Jacob Slings, Stephen Smith, Nate Snead, Jeremy Snead, Billy Sowder, Jake Stewart, Tyler Underwood, Jared Vandewall, Jake Viggers, Tyler Walsh, Jordan Wells, Brett Wilkin, Harrison Williams, Tyler Wilson, Shane Wong, Jeff Woody, and Zoran Zailac.

Managers: Lexi Armantrout, Amanda Backous, Beth Denning, Amanda Johnson, Jen Larson, and Tommi Music.

Coaches: Nate Ballagh, Jake Bartels, Adam Booth, Eric Hendricksen, Bob Knipp, Kelly Knowler, Mark Martin, Randy Mehrl, Lou Mooney, Denny Muller, Troy Schwemm, Don Starceovich, Craig Wilkin, Pat Wilson, and Brad Zelenovitch.

Cheerleaders: Caitlin Bair, Marissa Brehm, Callie Buck, Cassey Guldner, Kris Kaufman, Macie Kingery, Chelsea Kisner, Samantha Lynn, Mindy Roney, Marissa Rouse, Chelsea Sigmund, Ashley Sowder, Kim Sparks, Whitney Stewart, and Abby Vance.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Opportunity Village for over 50 years of service to Nevada's disabled population.

Since its founding in 1954, Opportunity Village has greatly improved the lives of countless disabled persons and their families. Through vocational training, community job placement, advocacy, and social recreation programs, Opportunity Village serves more than 3,000 people with intellectual disabilities annually.

Opportunity Village does far more than serve those with disabilities; this organization has a profound impact on the entire Southern Nevada community. Opportunity Village operates two work center campuses and one thrift store. It also operates a vehicle donation program, trains and places hundreds of disabled adults in jobs throughout the community, and hosts some of the most popular special events in all of Las Vegas, including the annual Magical Forest.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Opportunity Village. Their tireless advocacy on behalf of those with intellectual disabilities has enriched countless lives. I applaud Opportunity Village for their mission of encouraging its clients to follow their dreams, and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING DON HILLMAN

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the late Don Hillman of Tulare, California, who died Oct. 19, 2006 at the age of 86.

Don was known as Mr. Tulare. His life exemplified the character traits of integrity, humility, public service and love of family and community. He represented the community he loved on the Tulare County Board of Supervisors for 20 years, twice serving as its chairman. From that position of trust, he helped shape a county that has become one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world.

He was recently remembered by friends as the man every community needs and so few communities have. As a personal friend of Don's, I wholeheartedly agree with that statement.

Don was part of the Greatest Generation, serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, rising to the rank of lieutenant commander.

Born May 17, 1920, in Glendale, Hillman's family moved to Tulare a few months later. He graduated from Tulare Union High School in 1938. He was the student body president and, years later, he was on the organizing class reunion committee and the Tulare Community Auditorium Restoration Foundation.

He is also credited with helping revitalize downtown Tulare, which remains a vibrant and welcoming business district to this day.

He is survived by his wife, Laverne, his son, Dave, and two grandchildren. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this great American.

HONORING THE DETROIT TIGERS, 2006 AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Detroit Tigers, winners of Major League Baseball's American League Championship. This October, for the first time in 22 years, my city of Detroit, Michigan was represented in the World Series. After years of setbacks, 2006 marked a turning point in the fortunes of my beloved home team.

Just three years after the club suffered through a 119 loss season, the Tigers surged to the top of the major league standings in May, a position they did not relinquish until late September. Thanks to the play of veterans like left-hander Kenny Rogers and closer Todd Jones, the emergence of previously unestablished players Curtis Granderson, Brandon Inge, Craig Monroe and Marcus Thames, and the significant production from erstwhile All-Stars Ivan Rodriguez, Magglio Ordoñez and Carlos Guillén, the Tigers completed an extraordinary season by facing the St. Louis Cardinals in the Fall Classic. While our Detroit boys fell short in the series, finally losing to St. Louis in 5 games, they made all

of Michigan proud with their sportsmanship and hard work.

Every great team needs a great leader and the Tigers are no exception. Last October, after a disappointing late season fade the Tigers hired Jim Leyland to right the club's ship and under his brilliant leadership the Tigers roared to life. Leyland, who spent the first 18 years of his professional baseball career in Detroit, guided the Tigers to a 95–67 record, the Tigers' best season since 1987. In doing so, he also became the seventh manager in history to win pennants in both the National and American Leagues. Due to his achievement this year he was recognized with the 2006 Manager of the Year award for the third time in his career. Leyland also became the third person to win the award in both leagues.

Even though the Tigers did not ultimately win the World Series, in winning the American League Championship Series they demonstrated a spirit and determination that rekindled memories of the great Tiger teams of the past. I join both the citizens of Detroit and the great state of Michigan in congratulating the Detroit Tigers for their remarkable 2006 season.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN MAJOR OWENS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to Congressman MAJOR OWENS on the occasion of his retirement after 12 terms of service in the United States Congress.

Born in Collierville, Tennessee in 1936, Congressman OWENS' commitment to education began at an early age with his own scholastic achievements. He received a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, a Master of Science degree from Atlanta University, and later went on to serve as a librarian before entering the political arena. Congressman OWENS also served as a Community Activist and Ivy League Professor.

As Ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee for Workforce Protections, OWENS defended workers' rights by supporting minimum wage increases and strong protections of overtime payment. OWENS promoted the benefits of integrating technology and education, and fought to expand access to classroom technology for disadvantaged students.

The ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of Congressman OWENS' district—including constituents of Hasidic, Caribbean, and Eastern European backgrounds—is largely reflected in the multiplicity of his success within Congress. Congressman OWENS' influence has extended beyond our nation's borders: As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, he fought vehemently to restore the democratically-elected President of Haiti. His dedication to Africa and the Caribbean has shaped American foreign policy, including HIV/AIDS legislation and the African Growth and Opportunities Act.

The hard work and enduring legacy of MAJOR OWENS should be applauded. Mr. Speaker, I invite all of our colleagues to join me in congratulating Congressman OWENS on his retirement, and sending him our best wishes for the next chapter of his life.